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SPECIAL EDITION

The articles from this edition of the Whitfield Aspen News have been written by our Y6 pupils from Leopard and Owl Class.

These young journalists went out in search of news around the school and have reported their items for your consumption.

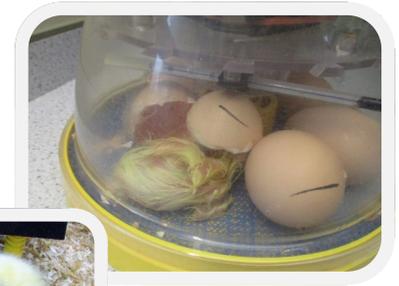
Our writers would love your feedback on this special edition if you would be so kind:
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I hope you enjoy it!

YEAR 5 CHICKS By Daniel and Danielle

In Weasel Class there were seven chicks, four of them named: Torchick, Nugget, Snow-bell and Ninja. All it took was one day in the welcoming arms of Whitfield Aspen School to hatch. In that same day those seven could walk, eat and drink.

They arrived on a Tuesday and left on a very sad note: on Friday.



DATES TO REMEMBER

END OF TERM 4 and Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 30 March from 3.30pm

Staff Training Day
Friday 31 March

TERM 5 STARTS
Tuesday 18 April

TERM 5 SWIMMING

Giraffe Class (Mrs Parker-Gorman) every Wednesday (for 6 weeks)
Starting 19 April—24 May

Meerkat Class (Emma) every Monday (for 4 weeks)
Starting 24 April—22 May

Mixed Group by invitation every Friday (for 6 weeks)
Starting 21 April—26 May



CLASS ASSEMBLIES—starting at 10.30am

28 April —Dolphin Class
5 May —Giraffe Class
19 May—Caterpillar Class
26 May—Fox Class

Class Photographs by Braiswick
Wednesday 19 April

Y6 Trip to Kingswood
Sunday 23 April—Wednesday 26 April

Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

END OF TERM 5
Friday 26 May

SPORTS DAY
Tuesday 27 June 2017
KS2—AM
EY/KS1—PM

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If you are interested in making a difference to our school, join our **Whitfield Aspen School Parents and Friends Association (WASPFA)**

For more information on how you can get involved or if you just have some ideas to offers please email:

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TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT By Maddison and Rosie, Leopard Class

On Tuesday 21 March, Lani, Maddison, Rosie, Mckenzie, Jack, Harley, Sedan, Kyle and Finley travelled to Crabble Athletic Ground on a mission to conquer the pitch. We were accompanied by Mr Lockerby who drove the mini bus and was cheering us on from the side-lines. We arrived, put our stuff down, and practised our throwing and catching skills. Next was our first game against White Cliffs; passing, tagging and throwing. This eventually led us to scoring five tri's. Luckily, the other team scored four tri's; so we won! After our first game, we waited intently for fifty minutes for our next game to start. We got to the pitch, to find out we were playing Green Park. After all the matches we won four games out of five so we think we did well. We got back on the minibus and ventured back to school.

SWIMMING GALA By Harry and Abigail

Recently, some of key stage two took part in a swimming gala at the Dover leisure centre. They all achieved a medal and were proud to represent the school.

The school representatives were: Harry, Abigail, Archie, Jack, Cade, Harry, Chloe, Ellen, Logan, Jasmine and Matilda. The school still don't know the results but they all know that they tried really hard and had lots of fun.



FAMILY SUPPORT By Jill Marsh and Izzy Beaumont

We are lucky to be in a position to offer our families support by way of Jill, our Family and School Support person and introducing Isobel, otherwise known as Izzy, our new Health Care Assistant (HCA). Jill offers support to all families who may need help or support with their children on things such as sleeping, toileting, concerns about your child's behaviour, or perhaps you need some help completing forms? Izzy assists with the day-to-day administering of medication and is on hand to help with any medical concerns you may have.

Look out for communications in your child's book bag or on our website for future workshops. Please do not hesitate to contact Jill or Izzy, who will be more than happy to help.



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CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

By Bethany and Holly, Leopard Class

On Tuesday 14 March, twelve Year 6 students from the school attended the Northbourne cross country relay race.

We travelled in a mini bus provided by the school; when we arrived we were accompanied by a Northbourne student and shown around the running course, including the place we could stop to pass to the next runner. Soon after that, we began the race. With huge excitement, Callum and Sebastian started us off for our school. There were two teams of six for Whitfield Aspen. After 800 metres the baton was passed onto the next runners. It then went on repeatedly until the race finished. There were twenty-nine schools overall and we came an impressive eighth and twenty-seventh.

Although we did not come first we had a great experience and really enjoyed ourselves.

FIRE SAFETY TALKS

The children were visited by Mark Stewart from Kent Fire and Rescue this week and were briefed on fire safety and prevention.

Should you need to replace your smoke alarm at home please contact the Home Safety Team on 0800 9237000.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENT



Another busy term has flown by here at Whitfield Aspen School.

After the Easter Holiday we begin that time of year where assessments take place. May I remind you these are statutory assessments, therefore, holiday requests in this period will not be granted.

Our Facebook page is proving a popular place to find events and news, so please like our page to keep up-to-date: <https://www.facebook.com/Whitfield-Aspen-School-759006467584973/>

All your children continue to take part in some fabulous learning in all departments of the school thanks to the partnership we enjoy with you as parents. I hope you have a restful Easter and see you in April—remember, first day of term is Tuesday 18 April.

Enjoy the half term break.

Jason Cook

DANCE CLUB

By Daniel and Danielle

On Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 March some of year five and six packed their best beach clothes and headed off to Astor College for the 'Astor College Primary Dance Festival.'

They were dancing to 'surfs up' from the teen beach movie.

After hour upon hour of nerves and worries, they got up on stage and did it.

Assemblies take place in the Main Hall every Friday at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to attend class assemblies, although it is not compulsory. Please use the Village Hall to park and buzz at the pedestrian gate. Thank you.

Term 5 Assembly Schedule

28 April—Dolphin Class
5 May—Giraffe Class
19 May—Caterpillar Class
26 May—Fox Class

After School Clubs

Please make a note of the end time for clubs and use the Pedestrian Gate when collecting children

*Please remember:
NO dogs or pets on site
unless registered service dogs*

Coming soon

*NEW Parking Policy and
Parking Applications for temporary
access to staff car park*

**DO NOT send medication
to school in school bags
(incl. cough sweets)**

*If your child needs medication
whilst at school please enquire
at the office*

**Please label ALL clothing
and additional items eg,
lunch boxes, winter hats etc**

*Registration times are
8.50 am—KS2
8.55 am—EY and KS1*

School gates open at 8.40 am

*Please call the office by 9am if your
child is ill.
If your child has an appointment during
the school day, please write a note to
class teacher and send with your child
to class in advance so the register can
be marked accordingly.*

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email's on a regular basis for
communications sent home via
our Home Connect service
Paper copies will NOT be sent
home wherever possible*